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Say Reagan plans to let the ax fall on CIA chief Turner

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Washington. (News Bureau)—President-elect Reagan plans to inform CIA Director Stansfield Turner next week that he will nominate someone else to direct the nation's intelligence-gathering operations, sources close to the Reagan transition team said today.

Adm. Turner was President Carter's second choice for the CIA post four years ago, after Theodore Sorensen, a former speechwriter for John F. Kennedy, asked that his name be withdrawn from Senate consideration.

Sorensen withdrew amid right-wing anger over alleged "security violations" in his 1965 book on President Kennedy's years in the White House.

Among the possible candidates to replace Turner and his deputy, former Ambassador Frank Carlucci, are Vice Adm. Bobby R. Inman, who now heads the National Security Agency; William Hyland, former deputy director of the National Security Council and former head of the State Department's Bureau of Intelligence and Research during the Kissinger years, and William J. Casey, Reagan's campaign chief who was a top official of the old Office of Strategic Services during World War II.

CASEY, HOWEVER, has told friends he does not want the CIA post.

According to CIA sources, Turner has no plans to submit his resignation. There were reports that he planned a low-key but intensive effort to save his job when the President-elect comes to Washington next week.

Unlike a new President's cabinet choices, there has been no clear-cut policy on whether the tenure of a CIA director coincides with that of the President who names him. However, the director does serve "at the pleasure of the President."

After Carter won the 1976 election, there was some talk about keeping on then-CIA Director George Bush, now Reagan's vice president-elect, but it was thought to be merely a gesture of courtesy toward Bush.

As for Turner, "there is no way he'll stay on," one Reagan source said today.



Stansfield Turner—may be replaced

THE PRESIDENT-ELECT reportedly will deliver the verbal ax next week when he visits CIA headquarters in Langley, Va., for briefings. Turner's only hope of saving his job, in the view of most observers, is to try to convince Reagan that the job should be above politics and the director should not be replaced with every change of administration.

Turner, a Naval Academy classmate of Carter, has been lobbying privately for the past few weeks to keep the job. However, he has little support from two important constituencies—the Pentagon, where his policies have sometimes drawn wrath, and veteran CIA staffers.

In other developments, the Reagan transition headquarters here today released the President-elect's schedule for next week—when he makes his first trip to the capital since winning the election.

HE FLIES FROM Los Angeles Monday night and the next day meets with GOP and Democratic congressional leaders. Reagan and his wife, Nancy, meet with President Carter and his wife, Rosalynn, on Thursday at the White House.

Reagan's first CIA briefing will be on Wednesday, with a follow-up the next day. He returns to California Friday.